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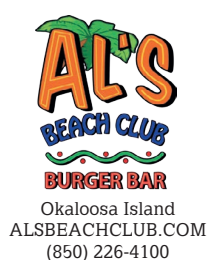


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Opening Remarks

Tidbits (Remember to Spellcheck, Manson)

I consider myself an optimist, because every time I get an email notification, I assume it's something important or useful. Most of the time I'm wrong.

I'm not a glass-is-half-full or glass-is-half-empty person. I'm a how-much-is-left-in-the-bottle person.

When I was younger, I had one of those Magic 8-Balls. The first thing I did when I woke up every day was give it a shake and ask, "Am I going to die today?" But I like to think I've grown out of that. I'm a lot happier now.

These days, I just ask Alexa the same question.

My life coach told me the first thing I do when I get out of bed in the morning is the one thing I'm really passionate about, and that I should pursue that more often. So I guess I really love to pee.

Warning—if you search for "Pee Enthusiasts" groups on Facebook, you're going to get way more than you bargained for.

I'm curious. How many of our readers who are Democrats have declared their candidacy for President of the United States in 2020?



Beachcomber columnist (among other things) Charles Morgan (far left) enjoys some family time at The Donut Hole in Destin. We hope the guy sticks around for a while.

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This Issue's Contributors



Art Jenkins in action at Mr. J's Barber Shop in Mary Esther. That's Miss Darnell in the chair.

Art Jenkins (Cover) is a well-respected and loved artist in the Fort Walton Beach community, as well as the proprietor of Mr. J's Barber Shop. Originally from Richmond, Virginia, Art is an Emerald Coast transplant courtesy of the U.S. Air Force. Here, he's

thrilled local art lovers with his bold and unique brand, creating unusually intricate and provocative works that inspire all who view them.

Art's paintings are full of vibrant colors—warm yellows, deep reds and purples, and cool hues of blues. His subject matter is often spiritual and deeply cultural, but the artwork is always fun and original. Discover more at creativeinnervations.com.

Clay Jones (Cartoons) syndicates his cartoons daily to publications across the country. Clay was born in Fort Hood, Texas, and was raised in Louisiana, Illinois, California and Georgia. He currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Subscribe to the **Claytoonz** YouTube channel and watch Clay Jones create his masterpieces and demystify the whole cartooning thing.

Seagrove Beach resident **Nikki Hedrick** (Rock for a Cure) is a photographer and longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. She is the co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment, and wears a few other hats, too. Nikki is currently gearing up for beach wedding season and wonders if anyone can own too many concert t-shirts.

Samantha Lambert (Beachcomberland Places) writes: "Very happy to be two years back in the Sunshine State! Enjoying traveling with my husband and spending a lot of time out in the fresh air at various events and festivals."

Dr. David C. Simmons (Movie Reviews) is a professor of Film Studies and Humanities at Northwest Florida State College. He received his Ph.D. in Humanities and Film Studies from Florida State University in 2005. He is also the faculty advisor of the NWFS Film Club and the NWFSC Gay-Straight Alliance.

David is currently writing several books, including two on nonviolence. In his spare time, he enjoys watching films, conducting choirs, singing with the Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale, and being an advocate for social justice.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

Lately I've been thinking climate change might put a little more sense of urgency in the deniers and non-liberals if they called it something else. "Climate change" doesn't even sound scary. How about "The War on Earth" or "Global Shitstorm"?

On a less global note, the 2019 Beachcomber Music Awards will be held a little bit later in the year—Monday, **Aug. 26**, at Al's Beach Club on Okaloosa Island. I couldn't believe they wanted me back after the unpaid bar tab and considerable damage to both the venue and its reputation.

Anyway, we have some new ideas this year as far as nominations go, so if you're "in the business"—musician, promoter, venue owner, engineer, producer—email me at chris@beachcomberdestin.com so I can pile even more on your plate.

Love,
Editor Manson

YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS – CHARLES MORGAN'S PROPOSED SEND-OFF

Besides *Beachcomber* writing an article about my band, this ("In My Time of Dying" by Charles Morgan III, Jan. 31-Feb. 13 *Beachcomber*) is my second favorite read from this paper. I only hope to be invited and not able to un-see any of it! Well done, Charles—your death is descriptive, morbid, hilarious and fun!

- Aly Bockler

Editor's Note: *We have no idea what band this woman is in.*

I love Nipper's Bar! Save me a seat...really miss Guana.

- Donna Howell Burgess

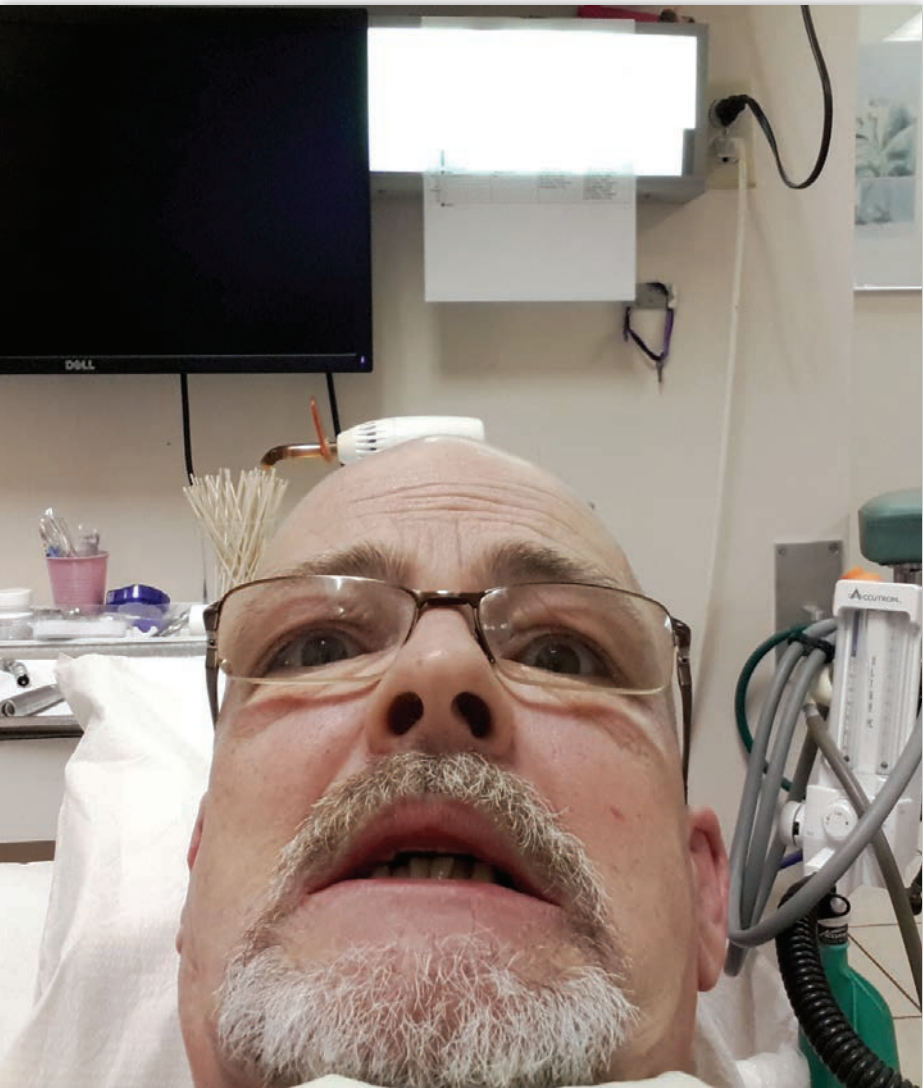
Absolutely BRILLIANT.

- Woofy Ramone

Editor's Note: *Woofy, I'm still waiting on your "The Record That Changed My Life"!*

Not sure if I like that death for you. Let's come up with something better.

- Linda Quinlan



Editor Manson, seen here in his dentist's chair, assures us he'll be smiling again in no time.

Young Pickleballers Net Donation from SoWal Seniors

Lifelong healthy activity is important to all ages. To help local residents, the Coastal Seniors of South Walton (CSSW) and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast (BGCEC) have partnered to support this effort by starting recreational pickleball at the South Walton BGCEC Club.

"We are so excited to be welcoming the Coastal Seniors into our South Walton Club," said **Taylor Goode**, director of the Boys and Girls Club of South Walton. "This time of year brings more seniors to our area, and we are enjoying the friendship and warmth that this pickleball rec time has brought into our gym!"

Coastal Seniors have donated three nets to support open recreation pickleball that takes place every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 AM to noon in the South Walton Clubs gymnasium. The cost is \$5 to participate. A membership card can be purchased for \$30, allowing members to participate for just \$2 per session.

"Everything is provided for you. We have paddles and balls for beginners to use, and we can teach you how to play in no time at all. Come out and join us for some fun exercise on six indoor courts, while supporting the BGCEC," said Coastal Seniors of South Walton director **Sandy Gulak**.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast have a mission to enable all young people, especially those



that are most in need, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Currently, more than 1,200 kids are registered during the school year and more than 1,300 in the summer. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast is a registered IRS 501(c)(3) charity receiving funding from contributions, special events, grants, and major donors.

Coastal Seniors of South Walton, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization for active adults ages 50-plus residing in Walton County. Their mission is to

develop active senior programs that encourage older adults to stay active by using their skills, developing their potential, and continuing their involvement in the community.

CSSW annual membership dues are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Nonprofit organizations and businesses can join this dynamic, fast-growing group for \$35 and \$50 respectively. More at **www.coastalseniorsofsouthwalton.org**, or email **coastalseniorsofsouthwalton@gmail.com**.

- Carly Harmer

Meanwhile, Over at NWF State College...

Northwest Florida State College president **Dr. Devin Stephenson** has been selected by the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society to receive the Paragon Award for New Presidents.

These awards are given to new college presidents who have shown strong support of student success by recognizing academic achievement, leadership and service among high-achieving students at their colleges. Recipients were nominated for the award by the students on their campus. Dr. Stephenson will receive the award as part of PTK Catalyst 2019, the Society's annual convention to be held in Orlando this April.

NWF State College's Sigma Mu Chapter of PTK recently earned the designation of becoming an official Five-Star Chapter, an honor bestowed on the nation's most elite and high-performing chapters. The Chapter worked diligently to improve their ranking from a One-Star Chapter to a Five-Star Chapter in two years.

"I am honored to receive the Phi Theta Kappa 2019 Paragon Award for New Presidents in April," said Dr. Stephenson. "I am also extremely proud of our Sigma Mu Chapter for working hard to earn the Five-Star designation. Leadership rose to the challenge to make the best our standard!"



NWF State College president Dr. Devin Stephenson (first row, far left) with the Phi Theta Kappa spring 2019 inductees.

The Gulf Coast Chapter of National Defense Industry Association (NDIA) provided a generous contribution of \$16,722 to support new programs

at Northwest Florida State College's Advanced Technology Center. The center will be located at the Crestview Technology Air Park and will house numerous programs including Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics.

NDIA has been a friend of the college since 2004 when they established the NDIA Gulf Coast Chapter Scholarship Endowment. They have provided more than \$166,000 in support to NWF State College.

- **nwfsc.edu**

Why Don't You Just Call Me President Pete? My Last Name? Never Mind...

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

A 37-year-old fellow named Pete Buttigieg appeared on a network morning show last week to talk a little about his new book, but mostly about running for president in 2020.

He has been the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, for seven years, and is no dummy. He attended Harvard, earned a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford and served as an intelligence officer in Afghanistan. He's also gay, which shouldn't be an issue but will be for some voters.

Among other challenges facing Buttigieg is the fact that his name is almost as tricky to pronounce correctly as it is to spell. I can sympathize.

And while a candidate's name shouldn't be a drawback either, it sometimes is. During the primaries Buttigieg will face a numbingly long list of Democratic rivals, many of whom who are more recognizable and pronounceable: Biden, Sanders, Booker, Warren, Harris, Brown, Yang...and so on.

Even optimistic John Hickenlooper, the former governor of Colorado, has a last name that imbeds in one's memory more readily than does Buttigieg.

Still, the whole point of launching a presidential campaign early is to establish one's self as a national figure before the voting starts. In 2007, I gave Barack Obama zero chance of winning the

White House in 2008. However, in 2015, I gave the exact same odds to Donald Trump, whose name was known by everyone who owned a TV or a laptop.

Some say that the last two presidential elections proved by their improbable results that just about anybody with enough self-confidence, energy and determination can win.

Absolutely not true.

Jill Stein, the Green Party nominee in 2016, wasn't merely a long shot. She was a no-shot, and she knew it. By siphoning Democratic votes in a few swing states, she helped give the Big Orange Trumpster his majority in the Electoral College.

He should have sent her flowers, or at least a spa-day coupon for Mar-A-Lago.

Stein is still whining about being blamed for pursuing a hopeless, ego-driven campaign that set back her environmental and reform agenda by decades. If she runs again next year, she'd be lucky to get more votes than the referee who blew the pass-interference call in the Saints-Rams playoff game.

A similar legacy shadows consumer activist Ralph Nader, whose flaky 2000 presidential bid was doomed from the first day, and ultimately became a numerical factor in deciding the Bush-Gore fiasco.

Also running for the Green Party, Nader received 97,421 votes in Florida, most of them Democratic crossovers. If only 538 of those geniuses had stuck with their party, Al Gore would have been president instead of George Bush.

Clearly, both Gore and Hillary Clinton ineptly steered their own campaigns in directions that left openings for third parties to tip narrow margins in battleground states. If they'd been better candidates, their races wouldn't have been close enough for Stein or Nader to affect.

A new potential spoiler is eyeing the 2020 contest. He is Howard Schultz, the former CEO of Starbucks, who says he might run as an independent.

Schultz has already taken steps toward an official announcement: He has formed the ever-popular "exploratory committee," and recently published the obligatory here's-my-uplifting-vision-of-America book.

Unlike Trump, Schultz is a billionaire with actual billions. But so is Ross Perot, who twice failed to capture the presidency by taking on the Democratic and Republican nominees.

Not surprisingly, Schultz insists things are different now. He says the nation is ready to abandon the far left and far right in favor of a centrist who isn't controlled by either of the major parties.

At this stage of the race, Schultz has better prospects than porn actress Cherie DeVille, who last week ended her 17-month quest for the White House.

Although boosted by a zippy campaign slogan ("Make America F----- Awesome Again!"), DeVille was unable to mount a charge. She was characteristically upbeat when she told the *Washington Examiner*: "Maybe if the cultural climate changes, I can try again."

Why not? Better her than Stein or Nader.

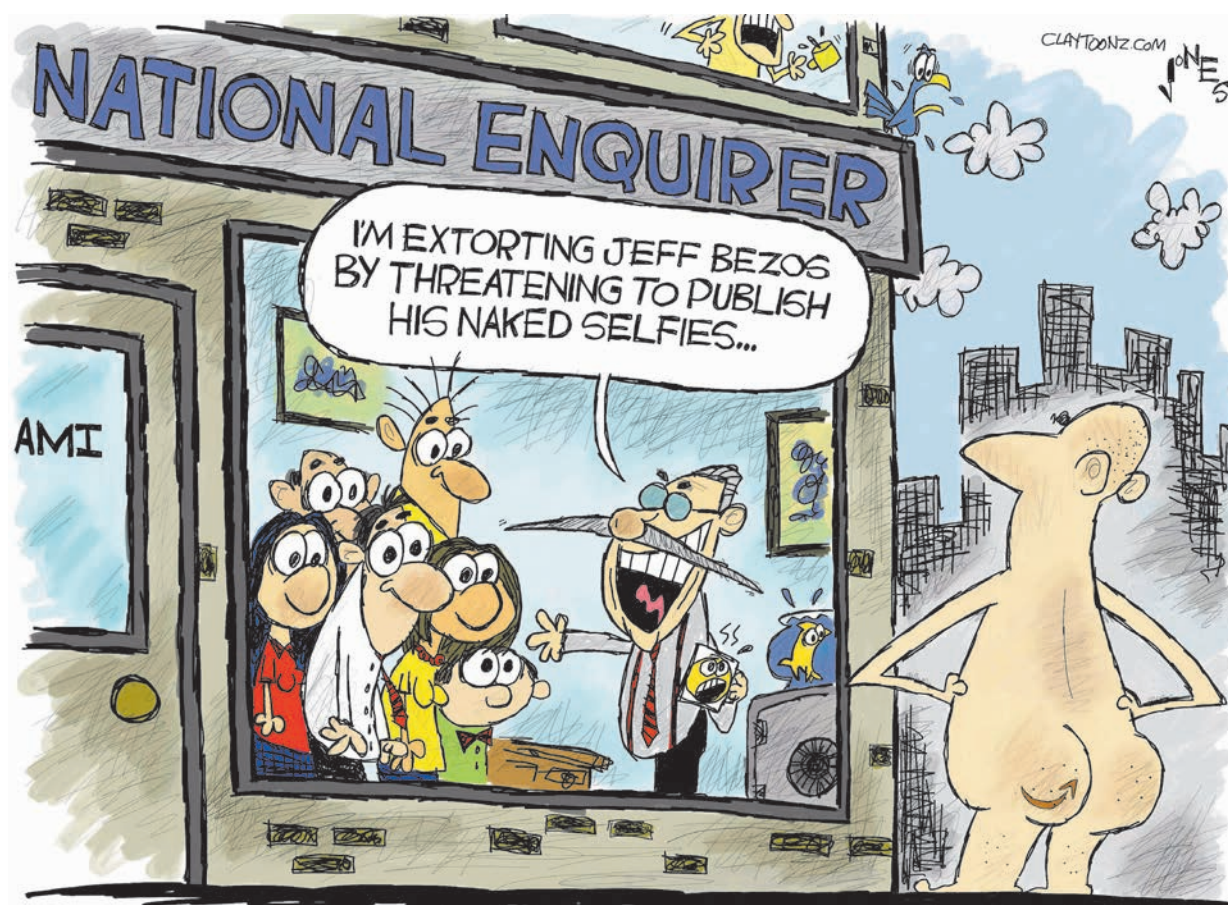
Pete Buttigieg of South Bend is betting the tide has already changed in his favor. He doesn't have a Starbucks fortune to bankroll his campaign, or a name as unforgettable as Cherie DeVille, but he's got his own catchy theme with which he hopes to energize voters:

"Inter-Generational Justice!"

So, if you're feeling it, America, run right out and buy his book. There probably won't be a line.

Carl Hiaasen is a columnist for the *Miami Herald*. Readers may write to him at: 1 Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132.

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The More Things Don't Change

By Charles Morgan III

These are very strange times, particularly in Destin, where what was once unthinkable now seems commonplace.

As dirt gives way to asphalt, as woods disappear and concrete shopping centers rise, as storm water runs off of our roads and fertilizers seep from our manicured lawns into our estuarine waters, we begin to see new phenomena. The recent flare-ups of red tide provided our tourists with an entirely different view of our white beaches and emerald waters. The Chamber of Commerce won't be including photographs of the dead porpoises and mullet and trout that lined our beaches and filled our bays in their promotional advertising this year.

This past spring, coyotes began appearing all over Destin. They showed up in people's backyards and garages, and they even attacked a poodle at a friend of mine's home. While the habitat for the ever-adapting coyotes (and foxes, raccoons, possums, birds and every other type of wildlife we have left) continues to shrink, lap dogs are not the only species whose quality of life is being affected.

This summer, as developers raced to permit new condominiums on the Destin Harbor (where we once swam and fished and water-skied), many people watched in shock as over 10,000 gallons of raw

sewage was pumped into our harbor just a nine-iron from these condominiums under construction. And while a gentle southeast breeze has always been a harbinger of the spring cobia season, now it also brings the foul odor emanating from the sewer treatment plant off of Airport Road. Even coyotes know you don't do that in your own backyard.

We live in a town that has become incontinent. And while these are indeed strange times, I have spent 20 years in the restaurant business, an undertaking that steels a person to handle unusual situations.

Our town is dreadfully out of balance. Twelve years ago, we had a hospital. Now that our skyline is beginning to resemble Tampa's, we don't need one? Our traffic is worse now in January than it used to be in July. And in July, our traffic is untenable.

Most of the developers of our condominiums and shopping centers are not from Destin. The construction workers who build these structures are not local laborers. And the workers in our large resorts are brought in from as far as 100 miles away. Most of the people working in our town can't afford to live here. Our tourist economy means that our entire city is basically a service industry. And we are running out of service. Things are out of balance, and our quality of life, in many ways, is suffering.

The Destin Harbor, Choctawhatchee Bay and the beaches and waters of the Gulf of Mexico are the most valuable things we will ever own. And as the rightful owners of these public treasures, we must also accept responsibility for their safekeeping. The Lakota Indians, who were more advanced than

us in many ways, believed that we did not inherit this land from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. Under our stewardship, these lands and waters are suffering greatly.

It is time to restore some balance to our town. We need to take much better care of what lands and waters we have left in this very fragile environment. By doing so, we will protect our already strong tourist business and upgrade the experience of our visitors. If we deliver a first class product throughout our town, the rest will take care of itself.

Some people have said that it is easy to say "no" to all of the development that is taking place in Destin. Well, "no" is certainly not a word our City Council is familiar with.

I will continue to say no to the thoughtless development of more condominiums and hotels and shopping centers, and the ensuing traffic that is an onslaught to our quality of life. But I will say yes to making our visitors feel special, and yes to a new hospital, and yes to more parks and a new library, and yes to our long-awaited swimming pool and more recreation facilities for our children. We need to let one of our best amenities, the Destin Airport, continue to flourish. And a personal project of mine will be to help Okaloosa-Walton Community College develop a marine biology center at the old Mattie Kelly homestead.

These are strange but challenging times in Destin, a town that has given my family a tremendous amount of joy for more than 30 years.

I wrote this 20 years ago. Things don't change much.

Mark your calendar!

2019 Beachcomber MUSIC AWARDS August 26



Suggestions, step-ups, music bizzers, please email
chris@beachcomberdestin.com



ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ARTISTS AT GULF PLACE, 40 Town Center Loop, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 850-622-0400 or visit www.artistsatgulfplace.com for more info.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 AM-noon both days and 6:30-9 PM Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** and **Sherry Cooler** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 PM. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 AM-1 PM. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 PM. Bring your own supplies (no pottery) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

Feb. 28. Sip and Paint with Pat Z. Roberts, 7-9 PM. The theme is "Sunset Sail," depicting a colorful seascape. Cost is \$40 (\$35 for ADSO members), all supplies included—bring your beverage of choice.



March 2. Life Drawing/Life Painting, 9 AM-12:30 PM. Open session with no instructor. Bring your own materials and work with a model in drawing or painting—no photography allowed. To sign up, call or text Mike at 850-803-5707.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY, 3925 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 1-844-5-CHROMA or visit www.CHROMA30A.com for more info.

March 7. "Full Flamingo" at CHROMA. Cost is \$75.

March 11. "Oh My! Oyster" at CREATE, Niceville. Cost is \$75.

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 or visit Heritage-Museum.org to sign up or for more info.

Feb. 16. Pine Needle Basket Making with Joe Stoy, 10 AM-4 PM. Cost is \$65 (\$60 for museum members), all supplies included. Call to register.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

Feb. 21. Teddie's Monthly Mobile Class, 10 AM until finished. Join **Teddie Ciudad-Real** to create your own unique design using driftwood, sea glass, shells, wire and more. Cost is \$35, all materials included. The gallery suggests you bring a lunch. Reservations required—call the gallery or email teddiec@mac.com.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 AM-4 PM. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 AM. All ages classes at 11 AM, 1:30 and 3 PM. Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at \$85, kids at \$40. Sign up online at ShardShop.com or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH FEB. 22. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY'S (ADSO) SMALL SHOW AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH
The show features works in various media measuring 8-inches-by-8-inches. More at www.artsdesignsociety.org.



THROUGH FEB. 28. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

February's artist is **Racheal Homack**, currently a senior in the University of West Florida's Bachelor of Fine Arts program. Ms. Homack creates artwork using both repurposed and new materials in unconventional ways.

THROUGH FEB. 28. DOLLY VARI EXHIBIT AT THE WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Determined to paint daily to perfect her skills, the Freeport artist's hope is that her ladies, florals and landscapes will delight. As a single parent of three successful children, she is grateful for all the networking and support of the Beachcomberland art community.

The library is located at 437 Greenway Trail. Hours are 9 AM-6 PM Mondays and 9 AM-5 PM Tue.-Sat.

THROUGH MARCH 1. LEN DAVIS: "A THOUSAND WORDS" AT THE HOLZHAUER GALLERY, MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, NICEVILLE

This series explores the complicated interplay between the figurative and the literal. The series consists of 100 8-inch-by-5-inch collages combining drawings of faces, text and newsprint pages. With this series, Mr. Davis illustrates the differences in understanding we derive from reading facial expressions and

reading text. The text and the facial expressions work together to build a mental image in viewers, ultimately proving the old adage that a picture is worth a thousand words.

Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 AM to 4 PM and 90 minutes prior to most Mainstage and Sprint Theater performances. For more info, contact KC at 850-729-6044 or artgalleries@nwfsc.edu.

THROUGH MARCH 1. SALVADOR DALI: "SURREAL VISIONS OF ETERNITY" AT THE MCILROY GALLERY, MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, NICEVILLE

Dali's surrealist interpretation of Dane Alighieri's literary work. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 AM to 4 PM and 90 minutes prior to most Mainstage and Sprint Theater performances. For more info, contact KC at 850-729-6044 or artgalleries@nwfsc.edu.

THROUGH APRIL 26. "FRESH START" AT EAST END GALLERY, INLET BEACH



THE MIST by Linda "Red" Harrison.

Gallery hours are 10 AM-4 PM Mon.-Fri. and Saturdays by appointment. Call 850-252-5150 or email lori@eastend30a.com for more info.

FEB. 15. SIP AND PAINT AT ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, DOWNTOWN FORT WALTON BEACH

From 7 to 9 PM, enjoy \$12 bottomless mimosas or Sangria. Cost for sip and paint is \$40, all supplies included.

FEB. 15-17. THE 60TH ANNUAL BEAUX ARTS EXHIBITION IN THE MERIDIAN AT WESTWOOD ATRIUM, 1001 MARWALT DRIVE, FORT WALTON BEACH

Hours are noon-6 PM Friday, 10 AM-6 PM Saturday, and 1-4 PM Sunday. Reception 2-4 PM Sunday, with awards to be presented at 3:30. FREE and open to the public. More info at www.artsdesignsociety.org, or call 850-582-1329.

FEB. 16-17. ANNUAL SEASCAPE ART SHOW AND SALE AT SEASCAPE RESORT CONFERENCE CENTER, MIRAMAR BEACH

The FREE community event runs noon-4 PM Saturday and 9 AM-3 PM Sunday and features local art from **Sharon Long** and her fellow artists. Original paintings, prints, cards and unique gift items, plus complimentary light refreshments and artist meet-and-greets. Call 850-240-3220 for more info.

FEB. 19. PAINTING & WINE AT TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, SHALIMAR

Starts at 6:30 PM. Call 850-651-5100 or visit twistedgrapewinebar.com for more info.

FEB. 20. ADSO PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

Beginners, pros, and everyone in between are welcome to enjoy fellowship, and discuss and exhibit their work from 6 to 8 PM. Call Jim at 850-499-6699 for more info.

FEB. 23. THIRD ANNUAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL AT GREGG CHAPEL LIFE CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH
Award-winning art, plus music, refreshments and more from 10 AM-5 PM. Learn more at facebook.com/AllianceofEbonyArtist.



Velia Lala, artist and Fort Walton Beach gallery owner, is this month's Arts and Design Society (ADSO) luncheon speaker. Join Ms. Lala Wednesday, Feb. 27, as she describes her journey to becoming a full-time artist, as well as the multitude of techniques she uses. Call 850-244-1271 for more info.
Photo submitted by Tuny Jennings.

OPENS FEB. 25. VAN PORTER STUDENT ART SHOW AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

Through **March 8**. A showcase of outstanding student art, grades 8 and 12. Reception Thursday, **Feb. 28**, 5-7 PM. More at artsdesignsociety.org.

FEB. 27. ADSO LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

Join artist and local gallery owner **Velia Lala**, whose multitude of techniques includes acrylic mixed media, life casting and bronzing, and wearable art. Cost is \$12 if you make your reservations by Monday, **Feb. 25**; after that, it's \$15. Call 850-244-1271 or email adsorsvp@gmail.com.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

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ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. www.artsdesignsociety.org.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of South Walton's 2018 Artist of the Year **Kathleen Broaderick**. Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint class in Kathleen's studio.

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Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit www.CHROMA30A.com or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

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THE JUSTIN GAFFREY GALLERY features the coastal contemporary paintings and sculptures of local artist Justin Gaffrey. Visit the gallery to browse through Justin's coastal landscape, floral, and still-life paintings or stroll through the sculpture garden to view the various welded steel sculptures. Justin is most recognized for his heavily textured, heavy bodied acrylic, palette knife paintings of the local landscape, florals, and wildlife. The Justin Gaffrey Gallery is located at 21 Blue Gulf Drive along Scenic highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Visit justingaffrey.com or stop by the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Follow the Justin Gaffrey Gallery on Facebook and Instagram to see Justin's most recent creations.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael's), Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on *Emeril's Florida* TV show and HGTV's *House Hunters*. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 AM-5 PM 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

THE SHARD SHOP open seven days a week, 9:15 AM-4 PM. 850-231-0544. ShardShop.com/Grayton. Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 AM-7 PM. 850-842-4440. ShardShop.com/Destin.

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State

College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM, and Sunday, 1-4 PM. Visit www.mattiekellyartscenter.org or call 850-729-6044.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

Destin Library Adds Exhibit Space

Local artists interested in exhibiting their work are encouraged to contact Will Rogers at 850-837-8572.

Emerald Coast Science Center's 30th Anniversary

Seeking contributions from local artists for silent auction and more. Theme is "what science means to me" and/or "what you see when you think of the word science." Contact Kate at kate@ecscience.org or call 850-664-1261.

ArtsQuest Fine Arts Festival

The Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County invites artists to apply to exhibit in the 31st Annual ArtsQuest, happening **May 11 and 12** in South Walton. Artists who apply before **Jan. 31** will receive an early bird jury and booth rate fee. Artists are invited to apply in the categories of Mixed Media, Ceramics, Works on Paper, Fiber, Glass, Jewelry, Metal, Oils and Acrylics, Photography, Digital Art, Sculpture, and Wood (including furniture).

The final application deadline is **March 8**. Jurying is by art industry professionals. Previous year award winners from the 2018 ArtsQuest show do not need to submit jury fees and will be automatically admitted into the 2019 ArtsQuest show should they meet the application deadline.

Call the CAA office at 850-622-5970 for details, and apply to the event at Zapplication.org.

Arts and Design Society's "Fairy Tale Reinterpreted" Show

Open to all artists. All work, in any medium, must involve a fairy tale character reinvented. Turn in work Friday, **March 8**, noon-4 PM; and Monday, **March 11**, 9 AM-noon. Copy of entry form and additional details are available at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mattie M. Kelly Environmental Institute 12th Annual AMateur Photo Contest


Submission deadline is 5 PM, **March 12**. First, second and third place photos will win cash prizes--\$250, \$150 and \$100 respectively. These photos, along with the additional honorable mentions, will comprise the 2020 Mattie M. Kelly Environmental Institute Calendar.

All submitted photos must have been taken in the Northwest Florida region within the last two years, and photo subjects must encompass the natural heritage of the Northwest Florida region.

Email mkei@nwfsc.edu for a full list of submission guidelines, contest rules and entry requirements. No purchase or payment is necessary to enter.

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Rock for a Cure – 11 Bands, 11 Years

By Nikki Hedrick

Few music events, especially those organized by and featuring local talent, celebrate 11 years. But that's exactly what Rock for a Cure will do Sunday, **Feb. 17**, at The Block in Fort Walton Beach.

With 11 bands, a \$10 minimum door donation, food from Fokker's and raffle items up for grabs, this party aims to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. And make no mistake, it is a party.

Many of the musicians performing are multi-year veterans of the event.

Event co-founder—and bassist for the bands Shenanigans and Something to Yield—**Tommy Siren** is quick to point out that eight of the eleven acts played at the 2018 event. "Some of the acts are returning for the fifth, sixth or even ninth time," he tells *Beachcomber*.

"We have Heritage back this year, which is always great. I am also very excited for the addition of Gold & Motion and the infamous Brandon

Day. We have an amazing lineup, and I couldn't be more proud of the reactions I got from them when I asked them to be a part of the benefit this year. Everyone was just an immediate 'Yes!' No questions asked."

Although the event is charity-minded, Siren says the primary goal is hope. "The point of the event is to give hope to people who feel like cancer has taken everything from them. Give them hope that people are still willing to help and want to make a difference—hope that one day this won't be a problem."

Echoing Siren's sentiments of togetherness, this year's event has a profound significance for **Brandon Day**. "Speaking on a very personal level, this year is different for me because in the last two years I lost a lady that was a second mother to me and just days ago, I lost a friend of mine who was way too young to be taken from us," he says. "I believe this is such a worthy cause, not only for the money it raises but (because) it brings people together that have felt the heartbreak that this horrible disease causes."

"(Cancer) is something that's affected all of us, and we all work a little harder on stage that night because of it," says **Luke Langford** of the aptly named Luke Langford Band. "A good friend of our band just lost her mother at age 57 to cholangiocarcinoma. That shouldn't have happened. Seeing the family bear such a loss reminds us that the fight against cancer needs to be exactly that, a fight. So this year we're fighting in memory of Robin Hicks and the entire Hicks family."

Each of us has been touched by a cancer story, whether it is one marked by triumph or grief. The C-word encompasses over 100 specific diagnoses, and according to recent statistics from the National Cancer Institute, nearly 40 percent of people will receive a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime. Whether you have a very personal reason for attending Rock for a Cure 11 or just want to spend a Sunday night with a diverse music lineup, it's always a memorable event.

Learn more at facebook.com/rockforacurefb.



UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

FEB. 15

Ryan Bingham, *American Love Song**
 Hayes Carll, *What It Is**
 Florida Georgia Line, *Can't Say I Ain't Country*
 Chaka Khan, *Hello Happiness*
 Avril Lavigne, *Head Above Water**
 Jethro Tull, *This Was.** The 50th anniversary edition, remixed by Steven Wilson.
 The Long Ryders, *Psychedelic Country Soul**
 Tedeschi Trucks Band, *Signs**
 Seth Walker, *Are You Open?**
 Dale Watson, *Call Me Lucky**
 Carvin Winans, *In the Softest Way*
 Trisha Yearwood, *Let's Be Frank**

* Also on Vinyl

Sources: Allmusic.com, Pauseandplay.com

FEB. 22

Badflower, *OK, I'm Sick**
 Ray Charles, *Modern Sounds in Country & Western Music, Volumes 1 & 2**
 Gary Clark Jr., *This Land*
 Claypool Lennon Delirium, *South of Reality**
 Dream Theater, *Distance Over Time**
 Ian Hunter, *From the Knees of My Heart: The Albums 1979-1981*
 Casey Kearney, *Somebody's Favorite Song.* The Beachcomber Music Award winner's covers album.
 Lily & Madeleine, *Canterbury Girls**
 John Mayall, *Nobody Told Me*
 Curtis Mayfield, *Keep on Keepin' on: Curtis Mayfield Studio Albums 1970-1974**
 Steve Perry, *Traces (Deluxe Edition)**
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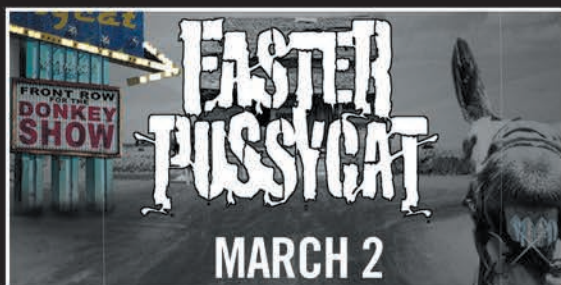
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Ralph Alessi *Imaginary Friends* ECM Records



San Francisco trumpeter and leader Ralph Alessi is joined by a non-imaginary foursome of colleagues—Ravi Coltrane (sax), Andy Milne (piano), Drew Gress (double bass) and Mark Ferber (drums). Labels like “avant garde” can put blinders on both musicians and listeners. Alessi and company sidestep that here. The quintet has discipline, musicianship, *and* showmanship. Each player brings formidable skills and deep concentration to the mix, stepping forward, then backward, always staying in the musical conversation. Some of it’s abstract, some (“Melee”) is actually kind of danceable. Alessi’s tone is generous and polished, and sings even in the off-kilter stuff.

- Bruce Collier

Casey Kearney *Somebody’s Favorite Song* Independent



Local songbird Kearney has done something that few locals have ever sought to accomplish and has done it in a skillful manner—she’s released an album of cover tunes. From most-requested to those that hold personal meaning to Kearney, she tackles much more than country standards here. With sterling production and out-of-the-box instrumentation, it’s more than an album of covers—it’s a fantastic vehicle to showcase Kearney’s enviable vocal range.

- Nikki Hedrick

Once Great Estate *EP* Independent



Upon first listen, this Tallahassee-based group fits neatly into the Americana genre, with roots-based acoustic instrumentals and southern-fried vocals. But as you dive a little deeper into their four-song EP and hit the track “Devil Queen,” the swirling reverb introduces you to what the band deems Hillbilly Triphop—something warm, lightly electronic, nearly gothic, and damn original. The EP closes with “Captain,” its quicker tempo giving listeners a broader understanding of just what this band is capable of. And it’s quite a lot.

- Nikki Hedrick

Jennifer Pike *The Polish Violin* Chandos



British violinist Jennifer Pike has been playing since the age of five. *The Polish Violin* is a tribute to her Polish ancestry, and her way of introducing four notable Polish composers (some not well-known outside Poland) to a wider audience. The composers are all drawn from approximately the same period of history (mid-to-late 19th century, early 20th). Half the pieces on the album are by Karol Szymanowski, a leading composer for violin and piano. Accompanied by pianist Petr Limonov, Pike tackles a variety of styles, from romantic to operatic to semi-modern progressive. Try a few of these for Valentine’s Day.

- Bruce Collier

The Spillers *4 Track Demo* Independent



Pensacola’s The Spillers are punk without any pomp. Need proof? Scroll to the bottom of their Bandcamp album page where they proudly state, “Recorded in a laundry room for no money.” This is no-frills, DIY music that’s unevenly volumed and creative as hell. Whether they write songs about one of Troma Entertainment’s biggest “hit” movies or do their part to further immortalize a piece of Pensacola punk history with an instrumental tune, this 10-song demo (yes, 10, not four as the album title suggests) nicely encapsulates the energy and heart of punk music.

- Nikki Hedrick

Jennifer Wharton *Bonegasm* Sunnyside



New York-based “low brass specialist” Jennifer Wharton is a documented team player. Her current gig is in the pit orchestra of *King Kong: Alive on Broadway*, one of many Broadway shows she’s worked on. She also has a formidable jazz ensemble resume. *Bonegasm* gives her the lead, but she still fronts a trombone foursome, plus piano, bass and drums. The tune list hints at her musical stage roots. There’s lots of razzle-dazzle, bawdy blues (e.g. “Big Long Slidin’ Thing”) and bouncy show music. The trombones get plenty of space here to flex and show their stuff. Embrace the ’bone.

- Bruce Collier



Pauseandplay.com – Since 1997, P&P has been the definitive place for music fans to find out when a new album is coming out. Also stay up on the latest reissues and music-related DVD/Blu-rays and books. Elton John says he uses Pauseandplay.com to keep track of new music, and *Entertainment Weekly* has included it on its list of “The 100 Greatest Web Sites,” one of only 17 music sites to be selected.

Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to get your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
CARNIVAL DREAMS: A Natalie Merchant Tribute Band, 6-8 PM
Show is open to all, but you can upgrade to candlelit dinner for two with paninis, dessert and drinks—just \$30, reservations recommended.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4 PM

THE HUB, Santa Rosa Beach
ROSHAMBEATLES, 6-9 PM
The Beachcomber Music Award-winning tribute band does the “All You Need Is Love” thing for Valentine’s Day.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
MATT AND KIM – YUNO, 6 PM

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
THE PRICKLY PEARABLES, 4-7 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
DAVID GAUTREAU, 4 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
TBA, 7:30-10:30 PM

THE REP THEATRE, Seaside
LINDA McRAE, 7:30 PM
Escape to Create’s 7th Annual Valentine to 30A Concert. Tickets are \$25.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SLICK MICK’S, Fort Walton Beach
ROB ROMANS

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar, 850-651-5100
Jazz Night with BENGHAZI GRESHAM, 6-9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
PAPADOSIO

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK, Panama City Beach
LIS & LON WILLIAMSON, 6:30-8 PM
Music at the Lodge Concert Series

DEWEY DESTIN’S, Navarre
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8-11 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
ROCKERS4LIFE, 9 PM-Midnight

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
HARPER, 8 PM

GRAYTON BEER CO., Santa Rosa Beach
ROB ROMANS

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
NIC TURNER, 4 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
DINO LOURDI, 5 PM

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin
RON ADAMS, 1-3 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
J RODDY WALSTON & THE BUSINESS – MURDER BY DEATH

SUNDAY, FEB. 17

AJ’S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)

THE BLOCK, Fort Walton Beach
THE GOOD LOOKINGS – HERITAGE – BRANDON DAY – NIK FLAGSTAR AND HIS DIRTY MANGY DOGS – THE HELVETICA EFFECT – THE LUKE LANGFORD BAND – AUSTIN JENNINGS – FILMORE DRIVE – GOLD & MOTION, et al., 6 PM til ???
Rock for a Cure 11 on four stages. Fuck cancer!!



The Beachcomber Music Award-winning Forrest Williams Band spread the love Friday, Feb. 15, at the Funky Blues Shack in Destin.
Photo by Editor Manson.

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 1-4 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6-9 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin,
EmeraldGrande.com
BOBBYD DUO, 2-4 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 PM-3 PM and 7-10 PM

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

MONDAY, FEB. 18

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5:30-8:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
DREAM WORLD, 7 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
JD McPHERSON – JP HARRIS, 6 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM
Ladies Night

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM



Live Music

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Jam, 7-11 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SHUNK GULLEY, Santa Rosa Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 7 PM
The Beachcomber Music Award-winning singer-songwriter celebrates the release of her new album, Somebody’s Favorite Song.

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
LOS LOBOS – EDWARD DAVID ANDERSON, 6 PM

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

CASBAH COFFEE, Crestview
CASEY KEARNEY, 7 PM
The Beachcomber Music Award-winning singer-songwriter celebrates the release of her new album, Somebody’s Favorite Song.

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
DON DIRKIN JR., 4-7 PM
NEIGHBORS THROUGH THE WALL, 9 PM-Midnight

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
THE SHAKEDOWN, 8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
TBA, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
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SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar
Jammin’ with JUSTIN, 6-9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
THE FLOOZIES: Smothered, Covered, Funked & Diced Tour

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

BELLA BLUE BAR, Niceville
ROB ROMANS

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

DESTIN COMMONS
FLASH FLOOD, 11 AM-4 PM
The Emerald Parrot Head Club’s Annual Chili Cook-Off benefiting The Arc of the Emerald Coast. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 day of.

DEWEY DESTIN’S, Navarre
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8-11 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 PM

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7:30-10:30 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar
MICHAEL BETHEA, 6-9 PM

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

AJ’S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 1-4 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6-9 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin,
EmeraldGrande.com
PARADISE BAYOU, 2-4 PM
Winter Concert Series

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 AM-3 PM and 7-10 PM

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
SPAFFORD

MONDAY, FEB. 25

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5:30-8:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
STEPHEN MARLEY

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
DREAM WORLD, 7 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
CORROSION OF CONFORMITY – CROWBAR – THE OBSESSED – MOTHERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM
Ladies Night

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

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PET OF THE ISSUE

Kiki

Submitted by Jan Scurto

Kiki is an eight-year-old Miniature Schnauzer. "Her real name is Miss Chianti, but we call her Kiki," Jan tells Beachcomber. "We got her when she was 10 weeks old from a family in Milton that had her parents as pets. Kiki doesn't realize that she's a dog so her hobbies, for the most part, include everything we like to do."

The "dog" part of Kiki enjoys barking at neighborhood dogs and tearing up her stuffed toys, "a trick she learned, years ago, from our son and daughter-in-law's two Schnauzers," says Jan.

"She is very smart, affectionate, and, as you can see, very spoiled. She has us wrapped around her furry little paw!"



...boating...

Kiki's hobbies include driving around Destin...



...taking long walks on the Destin Harbor (in her stroller!)...



...and helping mom out with her real estate business.



Kiki also likes to advertise for Destin Brewery. We'll drink to that!

*Submit your best friend(s) for a future Pet of the Issue feature!
Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.*

Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Feb. 28 and beyond events by 5 PM Thursday, Feb. 21, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

KIDS' VALENTINE'S DAY STORY TIME
Destin Library, 9:30-AM
850-837-8572
For children ages 5 and under (and their parents)—music, stories and Valentine's activities. FREE!

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7-AM-2-PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

VALENTINE'S DINNER
Twisted Grape Café and Wine Bar, Shalimar, 5-9-PM
850-651-5100
Dinner and wine pairing for just \$75 per couple, plus live music by **Michael Bethea**. Reservations required.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

DANCE-EXERCISE
Destin Community Center, Noon-1-PM
An easy, intuitive way to exercise through dance. Movements come from modern dance, yoga and Tai Chi. Stretch, pull, spin...be creative. Robert instructs. Open to men and women of all ages. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents.

SOUTH WALTON BEACHES WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL TASTING OF CHAMPIONS
Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, 6-8-PM
www.SoWalWine.com



An exclusive "first taste" of the medal-winning wines that will be featured at this year's South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival **April 25-28**. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the website.

SPEAK FRENCH WITH CHRISTINE
HH Arts, Fort Walton Beach, 3-4-PM or 6-7-PM
850-218-2155
Discover the language and culture with a noted photographer and artist born and raised in France. Cost is \$25 per hour or 10 lessons for \$225 (additional dates TBA). Call to register.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15- SATURDAY, FEB. 16

THE 30TH ANNUAL SANDESTIN GUMBO FESTIVAL
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, Starts at 5-PM Friday, Noon-4-PM Saturday
www.sandestingumbofestival.com
Sample a variety of gumbo and vote for the People's Choice award. Celebrity judges name the area's best, and **Dikki Du and the Zydeco Krewe** perform. Plus—children's activities and a "Best Bloody Mary on the Beach" competition.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9-AM-1-PM
GrandBoulevard.com

HOPS FOR HOUNDS DOG WALK
Grayton Beer Company Taproom, Santa Rosa Beach, 10-AM-Noon
Dog-Harmony.org/events/



All proceeds benefit **Dog-Harmony**, the Santa Rosa Beach-based dog rescue. The event is a two-mile walk down Serenoa Road and after party featuring local craft beer, live music from **Rob Romans**, food, raffle and more. Tickets are \$35 for adult walkers, \$25 for children (including hounds).

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7-AM-2-PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8-AM
SeasideFL.com

SINGLES NIGHT
Enlightened Studios, Downtown Fort Walton Beach, 7-9-PM
Speed dating and more.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16- SUNDAY, FEB. 17

SECOND ANNUAL PANAMA CITY BEACH FOOD TRUCK & CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL
Aaron Bessant Park, Panama City Beach, Noon to 5-PM, VIP Hour at 11-AM
Florida's top food trucks dish out fan favorites, and top craft beers will be available. Plus—lawn games, music, and fun for the whole family.

SUNDAY, FEB. 17

"ART IS NOURISHMENT: A BENEFIT FOR DESTIN HARVEST"
Camille's at Crystal Beach, Destin, 10-AM-3-PM
850-337-8860
Live music, art and great food (plus all-day happy hour!) benefiting the local hunger relief and food rescue nonprofit. Learn more at www.destinharvest.org.

30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9-AM-1-PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, FEB. 18

MARDI GRAS WINE TASTING WITH MARCY
Twisted Grape Café and Wine Bar, Shalimar, 6-8-PM
850-651-5100
Cost is \$15 per person, including tasting plate. RSVP to the number above.

TAI CHI WITH BARBARA REZMER
Destin Library, 9-AM
850-837-8572
Ms. Rezmer is a certified Tai Chi for Health instructor. Cost per class is \$5. Limited to 12 participants—call to preregister or drop by the library.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

FLIGHT NIGHT
Twisted Grape Café and Wine Bar, Shalimar, 5-PM-Close
850-651-5100
Enjoy \$2 off wine flights and all the sights and sounds of our favorite Shalimar spot.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7-AM-2-PM
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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

DANCE-EXERCISE
Destin Community Center, Noon-1-PM
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NATIONAL LOVE YOUR PET DAY
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Our dogs and cats inform us that this should be celebrated every day of the year.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

BUBBLY BAYTOWNE
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 5-7-PM
BaytowneWharf.com
FREE champagne and shopping for 21 and uppers.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7-AM-2-PM
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FRIDAY, FEB. 22

DANCE-EXERCISE
Destin Community Center, Noon-1-PM
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ONEBLOOD DRIVE
The Market Shops, Sandestin, 11-AM-3-PM
OneBlood.org
Generally healthy people ages 16 and older and weighing at least 110 pounds are encouraged to donate. Photo ID required. All donors receive a wellness checkup, OneBlood t-shirt, and a kid's scoop from Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream.

"SNOWBIRD VOICES"
Destin Library, 1-PM
850-837-8572



Ron Hardin, CHTP (whatever that means) recently joined the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort team as Director of Information Technology, and we are expecting great things from him.

Photo submitted by Aleis Tusa.

Events

A FREE program with readings and performances by the **2019 Snowbird Writers Group**. For more info, contact Pat Hager at phager60@hotmail.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

CARING AND SHARING'S 10TH ANNUAL SPRING FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON
Vue on 30a, Santa Rosa Beach, 12:30-PM
caringsharingsowal@gmail.com
Tickets are \$35, and guests will enjoy lunch, fashion show, silent auction, DJ, photo booth, and a boutique with items from the Caring and Sharing Thrift Store. For sponsorship opportunities, hit up the email above.

CHILI COOKOFF FOR CALM, A LOCAL HOUSE FOR LITTLES AND MOMS IN CRISIS
3rd Planet Brewing Company Mothership, Niceville, 5-8-PM
Cook, compete, eat and have fun! Celebrity judges, live music from **Qwerty**, and more. A \$10 donation gets you unlimited tastes of chili. For more info or to enter, email 3rdplanetbrewingevents@gmail.com.

EMERALD COAST PARROT HEAD CLUB'S ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF
Destin Commons, 11-AM-4-PM
Local teams compete on behalf of **The Arc of the Emerald Coast**. Live music by Beachcomber Music Award winners **Flash Flood**. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 day of event.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9-AM-1-PM
GrandBoulevard.com

LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN SOAP
Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10-AM
850-678-2615
Using the cold-process method and working with lye, students learn the basics of soap making and take home their very own one-pound batch. Cost is \$50 (\$45 for museum members). Space is limited—call to reserve a spot.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7-AM-2-PM
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Seaside, 8-AM
SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9-AM-1-PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

SEARCH PARTY
Destin Library, 10-AM
850-837-8572
Web literacy presentation open to any individual with a valid Okaloosa County Library Cooperative card on a first-come, first-served basis.

TAI CHI WITH BARBARA REZMER
Destin Library, 9-AM
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Ms. Rezmer is a certified Tai Chi for Health instructor. Cost per class is \$5. Limited to 12 participants—call to preregister or drop by the library.

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Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7-AM-2-PM
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PHOTOGRAPHY WITH MOBILE DEVICES
Destin Library, 2-PM
850-837-8572
Technology basics workshop open to any individual with a valid Okaloosa County Library Cooperative card on a first-come, first-served basis.

“WOMAN WITTY & WIZE” MEETING
Twisted Grape Café and Wine Bar, Shalimar, 5:30-PM
850-651-5100

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

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THURSDAY, FEB. 28

“SPILL THE TEA” SPOKEN WORD/POETRY NIGHT
Enlightened Studios, Downtown Fort Walton Beach, 6:30-9-PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

MARDI GRAS PARADE
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 2-5-PM
HarborWalkVillage.com
Beads, dazzling floats, street performers and live music from **Fais Do Do...**it's the biggest Mardi Gras parade on the Destin Harbor! If your Krewe would like to participate, email RMagee@harborwalkvillage.com.



Great job, Saltmarsh, Cleveland and Gund Accounting, who donated time and hard work for a recent community volunteer day at the Children in Crisis Neighborhood. From left—Danielle Kessler, Chuck Landers, Bethany Donegan, Teri Elkins, Glenn Scharf, Stacy Denton, Elena Davis and Nicole Fife. Now—Editor Manson could use a little help with his tax form...

Photo submitted by Ken Hair.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 AM Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH Mass schedule (through Sept. 30)—Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM; Saturday, confessions from 4 to 4:30 PM, mass at 5 PM; daily mass Monday through Friday, 8 AM; First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM; First Saturday Mass, 8 AM Holy Days of Obligation, 8 AM and 6:30 PM 307 Beach Drive, Destin.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services—7:30 AM beach services at Henderson Beach State Park, Destin Crab Trap, and the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk; 9:30 AM Xalt service (contemporary) at Destin Life Center; 9:30 AM harbor worship service at Brotula's in Destin; 11 AM traditional service at the Sanctuary; 5:30 PM sunset beach service at Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-837-2021 or visit DestinUMC.org.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children's church is available.

Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 AM, worship service at 10:30 AM, prayer group at 5 PM Wednesday supper at 6 PM, followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:45 AM (traditional worship) and 10 AM (contemporary worship). 4747 U.S. 98 West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE ON THE BEACH Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Beach, across from Gulf Place; and at Inlet Beach, at the Orange Street beach

access. Worship at 9:30 AM at Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar, on the corner of 393 and 30A. And worship at 11 AM at our 98 Church Campus, at 3834 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach. For more information, call 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

NICEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday bible study at 9 AM, worship at 10 AM. Sunday evening service, 5 PM. Mid-week bible study Wednesdays at 7 PM. 801 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville. 850-678-2911.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 PM year round. Sunday services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM Holy Day

services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. www.saintritaaparish.org.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 AM Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational Sunday services at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 AM Check out our new location at 140 Palmetto Street in Destin, in the old Nighttown building. www.shorelinechurch.net.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 AM Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 AM 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 AM and 5 PM 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 AM 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

A Whole New World...

The Growth House at Silver Sands School

By Samantha Lambert

Silver Sands School is a special day school that provides educational services to students who, because of their mental functioning levels, require services beyond those offered by special educational programs in regular schools. The school serves approximately 170 students with disabilities from Okaloosa and Walton counties, ranging in age from 3 to 22.

“Our goal as a school is to teach our kids to communicate. We want them to grow relationships with the community that will continue for a long time to come,” says principal **Jon Williams**.

About 15 years ago, Silver Sands had a greenhouse that the faculty and students really enjoyed. In 2017, teacher Beth Wright suggested having one again, and Williams applied for a grant for a “Growth House” from Okaloosa County Public Schools Foundation and Impact 100 of Northwest Florida.

Okaloosa County Public Schools Foundation is a not-for-profit community-based foundation dedicated to supporting and extending the educational opportunities of all individuals within Okaloosa County.

Impact 100 of Northwest Florida is a philanthropic group of women who, as part of their mission, financially support nonprofit organizations in Northwest Florida. The group awards grants based on how the grant can be tied to the community. They awarded a grant to the Okaloosa County Public Schools Foundation for Silver Sands School of over \$126,500 for the “Growth House.”

The “Growth House” at Silver Sands opened in the fall of 2018. It is an aquaponic greenhouse where fertilizer comes from fish for the plants. There are two 500-gallon tubs of goldfish and koi. The water is heated during the day by the sun. In the hotter months, the greenhouse uses a giant evaporator cooler. The temperature is kept at 85 degrees.

There are three main systems used in the “Growth House.” One is a hydroponic deep-water culture system where plants such as cabbage and kale are grown in pieces of insulation foam in a slow flow of water. The second system is a hydro-cycle bucket system, set on a timer, where plants such as avocados and sea grapes are grown using perlite. Perlite is a shapeless volcanic glass that has high water content.



Silver Sands School teacher Dan Cheon.

The last system is the hydroponic rail system where there is a constant high flow of water. Smaller herbs and vegetables are grown here using stone wool, a fibrous material used for hydroponic growth mediums.

Silver Sands ESE (Exceptional Student Education) teacher **Dan Cheon** is in charge of the “Growth House” and teaches science classes that alternate three times a week.

Cheon also built plant beds right outside the “Growth House” that are divided so each class in the school has one. Plants such as lettuce, broccoli and even pineapples are planted in the beds. Local plants are donated by the Okaloosa County Master Gardeners in conjunction with the Choctaw Basin Alliance.

“Anytime the kids come out here, they love it,” Cheon tells *Beachcomber*. “Being able to unlock math and science to them is amazing! Everyone plants a seed. There is something for everyone to do. We use symbol sticks, which are pictures of abstract words and concepts to help the kids communicate. The Master Gardeners gave us pictures of all the steps in growing a plant, and we changed it to symbols for the kids.

“I have learned a lot out here. The biggest thing is being able to bring the kids out here and expose them to things they might not ever have contact with. They learn the process of growing and taking care of plants.”

In May, the students may participate in some dune restoration. In the long term, some students may be able to work in garden centers at nurseries after experiencing the “Growth House.”

Presently, the “Growth House” is in need of one-inch pots for planting seedlings. The school is located at 349 Holmes Boulevard in Fort Walton Beach. For more information, call 850-833-3364.



Inside the “Growth House” at Fort Walton Beach’s Silver Sands School.

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EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. **www.ecscience.org.**

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MUSEUMS

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 AM with the last tour at 3 PM The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 AM to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

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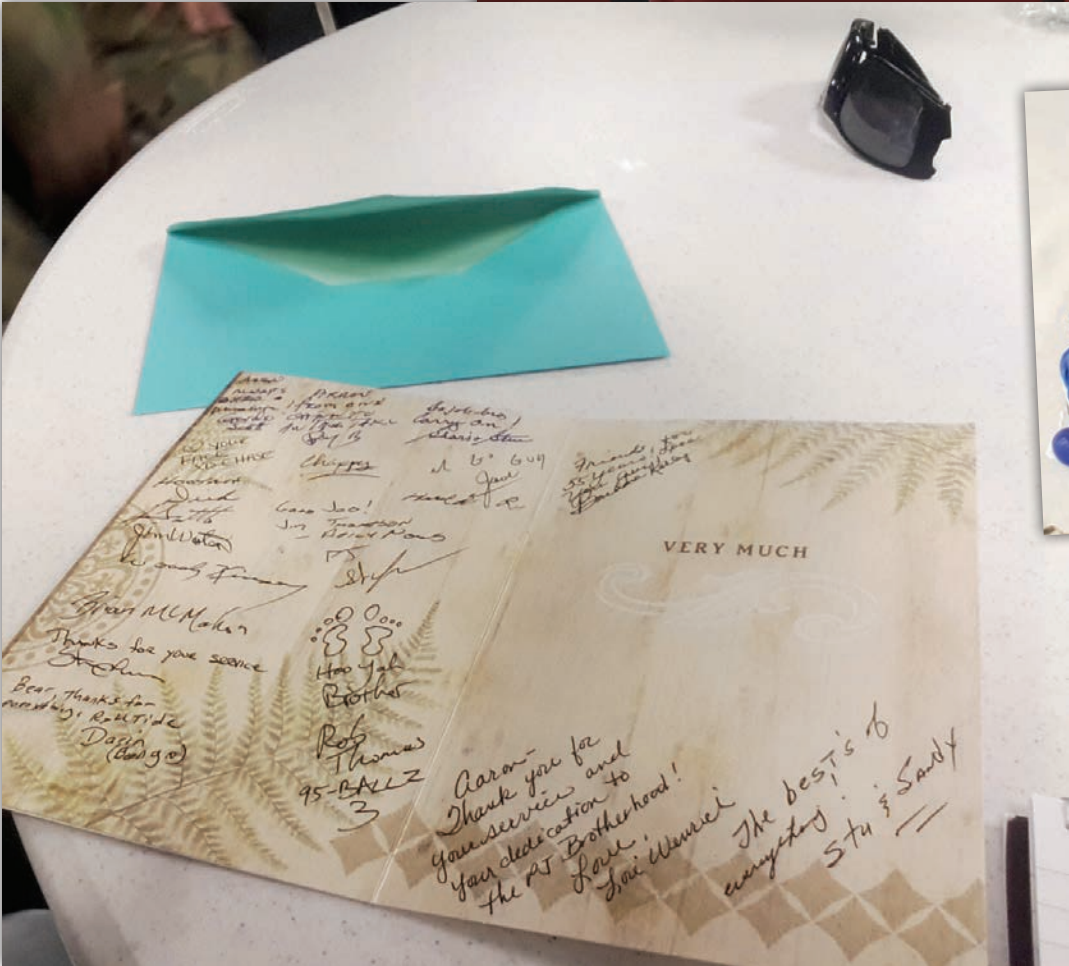
Jack and Cake... A Wonderful Surprise for CMSGT Farrior

By Chris Manson

Welcome to a new semi-regular Beachcomber feature titled “Thanks for Your Service” (though I’m open to suggestions for a less worn-out title). I had been planning to do short features on area veterans for some time now, but kept putting it off until (1) I started taking frequent advantage of my American Legion membership by hitting the bar at the Fort Walton Beach post, and (2) George Williams called me about a special surprise event they were doing Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the post, which happily coincided with BLT day.

Read on, and if you know someone that should be featured in this section, hit me up at chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

“We’re celebrating an American hero,” Gordo Scott, the second vice-commander of American Legion Post 235 in Fort Walton Beach, tells me when I arrive. Air Force pararescue specialist **Aaron Farrior** (Chief Master Sergeant, Ret.), the guest of honor, isn’t here yet.



As the comedian Paul F. Tompkins once declared, cake is better than pie because icing.

Mr. Farrior has been led to believe that today’s event is a fundraising meeting and that he needed to dress up a little.

“I’ve known him over 25 years,” Mr. Scott says, adding that Mr. Farrior’s decorations include four Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star. “He’s as sharp as a tack, but his body’s failing...but he’ll have some more giddyup in his step today.”

A “Thank You Very Much” card is being passed around among Legion members, as well as several young active duty airmen stationed at nearby Hurlburt Field.

A “Thank You Very Much” card for CMSGT Farrior that was passed around and signed by all in attendance. We also found a nice pair of sunglasses.

When Mr. Farrior arrives with **George Williams**, everyone takes their seats—that delicious BLT and potato salad (and, later, Wild Turkey OTR) will have to wait. At the podium, Mr. Scott recognizes a handful of Silver Star winners (“Recipients!” someone in the crowd of around 50 interjects), but not Mr. Farrior.

“Did I miss anyone?” Mr. Scott asks.

“I’ve got some of that shit, too!” says Mr. Farrior. Soon, the cat’s out of the duffel bag, and Mr. Scott reads several letters from Mr. Farrior’s fellow veterans that were unable to attend. The 26-year veteran is given a standing ovation and presented with a lovely award—not your usual plaque (which he probably has a ton of already), but an engraved bottle of Jack Daniel’s Single Barrel Select.

I forget to ask the bartender for a glass of ice before I make my way over to Mr. Farrior’s table and grab a photo of him with pals Ray Bourque and Mr. Williams.

“We buddied around for the last 35 years,” says Mr. Williams. “Now it’s just us.” The two hang out a lot, and “everywhere we go, (Aaron) wins the Oldest in Attendance award.”

Mr. Farrior’s nearly three decades on active duty include tours of Africa, Spain, and Vietnam (three tours). I notice a lot of well-wishers coming up to the table, so I best make it quick. I ask the one question that’s been nagging at me since the speeches ended.

“What kind of beer is that?”

Mr. Farrior, who turns 84 this June, takes a swig from his frosty mug. “Budweiser! I’m from St. Louis. I don’t drink that light shit.”



In lieu of another plaque, CMSGT Farrior was presented with an engraved bottle of Jack Daniel’s Single Barrel Select. We like the way these guys roll.



CMSGT Farrior (about the seventh from the left, front row) and a few dozen or so friends and admirers.

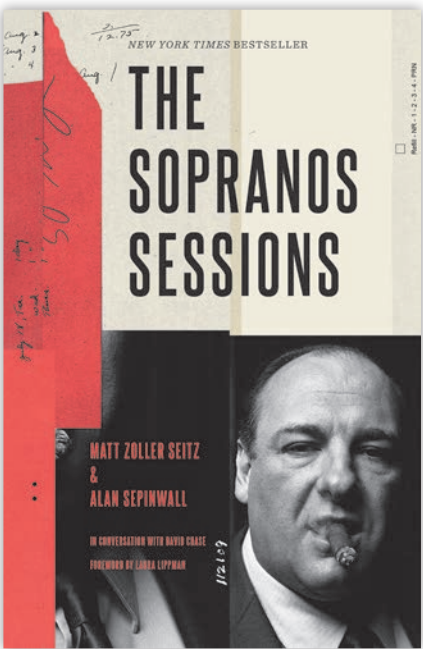
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	Sunset	5:43pm	Low	3:07am
	Moon	46%	High	4:19pm

Books

Recommended Reading

Matt Zoller Seitz and Alan Sepinwall

The Sopranos Sessions
Abrams Press



If you like information-dense, meticulously footnoted commentary on your favorite TV shows, books like *The Sopranos Sessions* were written for you. In writing the book, Seitz and Sepinwall had access to series creator David Chase and many cast members, with the sad exception of the late James Gandolfini. There's a breakdown of every episode, analyses of story and character arcs, and plenty of non-gossipy trivia on costumes, locations, and the art of staging fights and murders. One of the most interesting things I learned was how many of the actors in the series were hired with no previous acting experience.

- Bruce Collier

EDITOR'S CHOICE

Joseph Finder

Judgment
Dutton

A married judge has a one-night stand and gets a lot more than she bargained for. To reveal even a single other detail would be heartless, so just read it already.



Stephanie Land

Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive

Hachette Books

A young single mom struggles to make things better for herself and her daughter while dealing with government bureaucracy, homelessness, sneers from the people behind her in the grocery checkout when she uses food stamps, and scrubbing the filthy toilets of people much better off than her financially. The only thing missing on this woman is the cape.

- Chris Manson

Upcoming Books

FEB. 19

- Alan Brennert, *Daughter of Moloka'i: A Novel*
- Emily Fletcher, *Stress Less, Accomplish More: Meditation for Extraordinary Performance*
- Mark Greaney, *Mission Critical (Gray Man Book 8)*
- Beni Johnson with Bill Johnson, *The Power of Communion: Accessing Miracles Through the Blood of Jesus*
- Tom King, *Mister Miracle*
- Tim Newby, *Leftover Salmon: Thirty Years of Festival!*
- David Wallace-Wells, *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming*

FEB. 26

- David Baldacci, *The Stars Below (Vega Jane Book 4)*
- Anna Cabeca, *The Hormone Fix: Burn Fat Naturally, Boost Energy, Sleep Better, and Stop Hot Flashes, the Keto-Green Way*
- Samantha Shannon, *The Priory of the Orange Tree*
- Russ Taff with Tori Taff and Mark Smeby, *I Still Believe: A Memoir of Wreckage, Recovery, and Relentless Love*
- Don Winslow, *The Border*
- Stuart Woods, *Wild Card: A Stone Barrington Novel*
- Baseball America 2019 Prospect Handbook*
- Sources: Netgalley.com, Amazon.com, Pauseandplay.com

Book Clubs

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

ALL ABOUT BOOKS
Mary Esther Public Library, 10 AM
850-243-5731

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

ADSO BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
The Art Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5-6 PM
artsdesignsociety.org
The discussion is based on Steven Pressfield's *War of Art: Break Through the Blocks and Win Your Inner Creative Battles*. Anyone interested in talking about creativity is welcome.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Mary Esther Public Library, 3:30 PM
850-243-5731

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

BOOK LOVERS CLUB
Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 AM
850-267-2809
The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month through May 2019. No registration required, and all interested parties are welcome. This season's list includes Christina Baker Kline's *A Piece of the World*, Kristen Hannah's *The Great Alone*, John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charlie*, Lisa Wingate's *Before We Were Yours*, Celeste Ng's *Little Fires Everywhere*, David Grann's *Killing of the Flower Moon*, Mitch Albom's *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*, Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things*, and Helen Simonson's *The Summer Before the War*.

Reviews

Fahrenheit 11/9

Directed by Michael Moore
Amazon Prime



With great wit, humor and insight, we watch a democracy (ours) become a despotism. The question Moore asks—"How did we get here?"—reveals some surprising answers. It's not the Trump voters, but nonvoters (Trump won by only 2 votes per precinct in Michigan), President Obama (who failed to help the desperate water crisis in Flint, caused by Republican leadership), and even Gwen Stefani (who was paid more to host *The Voice* than Trump was to host *The Apprentice*, causing him to launch a presidential bid in hopes of getting NBC to pay him more) who allowed the country's current existential crisis of democracy to occur.

The Favourite

Directed by Yorgos Lanthimos
In Theaters

A wry tale of how to use political intrigue for power, even when the reigning monarch is unhinged, spoiled, incompetent, and demands absolute loyalty. No, this isn't an account of contemporary American politics; this is a period film about Queen Anne (r. 1702-1714). Even though the screenplay was written several years ago, the issues couldn't be more relevant. Queen Anne (the brilliant Olivia Colman), given to constant ailments and sour temperament, has almost turned the daily running of British empire over to her close companion, Sarah, the Duchess of Marlborough (Rachel Weisz). Meanwhile, a new servant, Abigail (Emma Stone) arrives at the palace with plans of her own to gain the Queen's favour. Cinematographer Robbie Ryan's frequent use of fish-eye lenses creates a lot of empty space where the loneliness or entrapment of characters is amplified.

- Dr. David C. Simmons

Breslin and Hamill: Deadline Artists

Directed by John Block, Jonathan Alter and Steve McCarthy
HBO

Superb documentary honoring Jimmy Breslin and Pete Hamill, the great New York newspaper columnists (actually, Mr. Hamill might be better classified as a poet). An often-poignant reminder of the last great era of journalism for anyone old enough to remember, and a real eye-opener for all the young folks who have grown up on 24-hour news cycles of all things Kardashian.

- Chris Manson

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

FEB. 14

Alita: Battle Angel. Rosa Salazar, Christoph Waltz.
Happy Death Day 2U. Good job conserving marquee space!

FEB. 22

How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World. Animated.
Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral. Comedy, R.I.P.

Source: Metacritic.com

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

2019 OSCAR BEST PICTURE MARATHON

New Vision Boulevard 10, Miramar Beach

850-382-6991

Catch up on four of this year's Best Picture nominees for \$35 (or \$8.75 individually)—*Roma* (11 AM), *A Star Is Born* (1:45 PM), *The Favourite* (4:30 PM, reviewed in this issue) and *Bohemian Rhapsody* (7:20 PM).

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

"THE BOOK THIEF"

Destin Library, 2 PM

850-837-8572

Geoffrey Rush, Emily Watson and Sophie Nelisse star in Brian Percival's 2013 film, based on the popular novel by Markus Zusak. FREE! Presented by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

2019 OSCAR BEST PICTURE MARATHON

New Vision Boulevard 10, Miramar Beach

850-382-6991

Catch up on four of this year's Best Picture nominees for \$35 (or \$8.75 individually)—*Green Book* (11 AM), *Vice* (1:45 PM), *BlacKkKlansman* (4:30 PM) and *Black Panther* (7:20 PM).

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

FEB. 15

The Breaker Upperers. Madeleine Sami (who also directed), Jackie van Beek, James Rolleston, Celia Pacquola, Ana Scotney (Netflix).

FEB. 19

Can You Ever Forgive Me? Melissa McCarthy and Richard E. Grant earned Oscar nods for what the *San Francisco Chronicle's* Mick LaSalle called "the most twisted rags-to-riches story you could imagine."

Overlord. Nazi zombie ass gets satisfyingly kicked by our boys!

Robin Hood. Flop reboot with Jamie Foxx and Taron Egerton.

A Star Is Born. Bradley Cooper (who also directed), Lady Gaga. Say, have you guys heard "Shallow" yet?

FEB. 12

The Possession of Hannah Grace. Shay Mitchell.

Ralph Breaks the Internet. Animated, with the voice talent of John C. Reilly and Sarah Silverman.

Source: Metacritic.com



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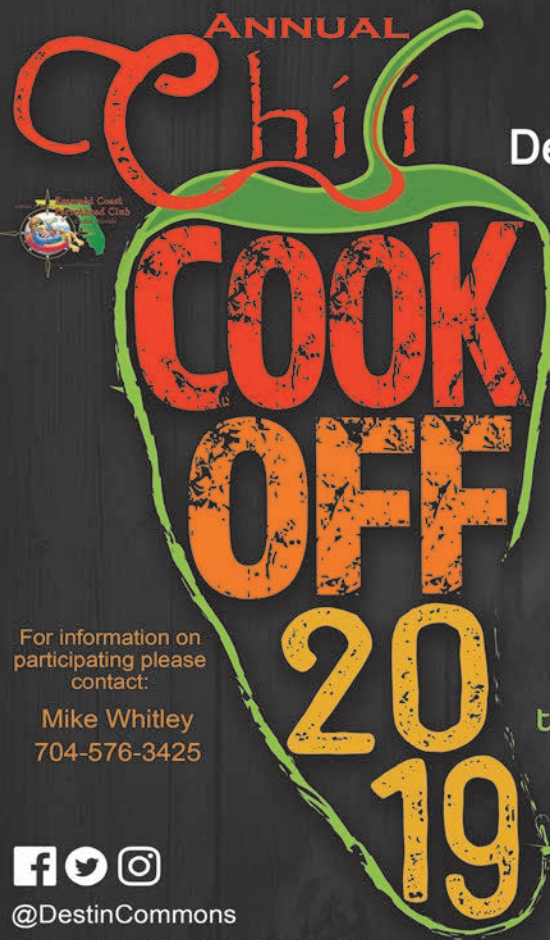


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SATURDAY, FEB. 16

ACT4MYSTERY'S "DEATH BY VALENTINE"
Samuel's Roadhouse, Crestview, Seating at 6 PM, Dinner and Show at 6:30
Act4Mystery.com
Paula Hilton and her award-winning troupe present a Valentine's family comedy with plenty of twists and turns. With **Tracy Baldwin, Cynthia Bergquist, Joe Chase, Jim Downum, Britany Sanchez** and *Beachcomber's* own **Chris Manson**. Cost for dinner and show is \$38 and includes tax and gratuity. VIP packages available. Call 850-862-2885 for more info.

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE SNOWY DAY AND OTHER STORIES"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org



ECTC's second Theatre for Young Audiences production of the season was inspired by the acclaimed children's books by Ezra Jack Keats. With **Michael McCoy, Linda Del Grego** and **M.J. Freeman**. Directed by **Bridgett Bryant** with costume design by **Anna Fisher**.

Cost is \$10 per person, children 2 and under FREE. School field trips are available **Feb. 15 and 22**—call 850-684-0323 or email **info@emeraldcoasttheatre.org** for more info. Running time is 45 minutes, and the show is intended for ages 3 and up.

SUNDAY, FEB. 17

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE SNOWY DAY AND OTHER STORIES"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org



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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

"WINSTON CHURCHILL: THROUGH THE STORM"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Emerald Coast Theatre Company's Storyteller Series presents *Beachcomber* contributing editor **Bruce Collier** in a one-man *tour de force* set in July 1945. Nazi Germany has surrendered. Adolf Hitler is dead. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill is representing the United Kingdom at a summit conference in Potsdam, Germany. He is relaxing after hosting a banquet for President Harry Truman of the United States and General Secretary Josef Stalin of the Soviet Union. In the morning, Churchill will leave the conference and return to Britain to learn the results of a general parliamentary election. The outcome will determine whether he will remain in power as prime minister. Over brandy and a cigar, he reminisces about his life's many defeats and victories, and the challenges of accepting both.

Tickets are \$25. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

ACT4MYSTERY'S "DEATH BY VALENTINE"
La Paz, Destin, Seating at 6:30 PM, Dinner and Show at 7
Act4Mystery.com
Cost for fajita bar dinner and show is \$34.95. VIP packages available. Call 850-862-2885 for more info.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

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EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE SNOWY DAY AND OTHER STORIES"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

"THE ILIAD"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Emerald Coast Theatre Company wraps up its Storyteller Series with Panama City actor and teacher **Allen Walker** in Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare's adaptation of Homer's immortal classic. Tickets are \$25. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

ACT4MYSTERY'S "DEATH BY VALENTINE"
Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar, Shalimar, Seating at 6 PM, Dinner and Show at 6:30
Act4Mystery.com
Cost for three-course dinner and show is \$45 and includes tax and gratuity. VIP packages available. Call 850-862-2885 for more info.

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Mimmo's in Destin: No Wrong Choices Here

Mimmo's Ristorante Italiano is tucked away in a row of shops and businesses on U.S. 98 in a very busy area of Destin. They take reservations, but as it was a weeknight I figured we could drop in and get a table.

We did, but the place was nearly full, so larger parties should definitely call ahead. Apparently a lot of folks wanted Italian food that night. And the restaurant is warm and romantically lit by brass lamps and chandeliers. The layout of the place is shotgun-style, deep with a high-ceilinged interior. There are wooden tables, booths of assorted sizes, a sturdy bar, and a stylish-but-functional brick oven in the back.

The color scheme is gold, wood and earthy red—part salon, part wine cave. The front door is framed by a rather theatrical looking curtain, ready-parted to enhance your entrance.

We got a table and menus. Our server (Mackenzie) brought us water and a basket of warm bread and seasoned olive oil for dipping, and left us to study. Mimmo's offers a lot of choices—my usual online reconnaissance had failed to narrow it down much. The chewy, crusty and tangy bread helped—I now wanted pretty much the whole menu.

There are appetizers, salads (side and dinner-sized), pasta, meat dishes, pizza and calzones (sandwiches are available at lunch on weekdays), and a kids menu. My newly eight-year-old daughter Grace had decided on cheese ravioli in advance (she does online recon as well), so my wife and I ordered a starter of fried calamari (our favorite) and tried to make up our minds.

I finally narrowed it to spaghetti bolognese, lobster pappardelle, beef and veal tortelloni, rack of lamb, shrimp alla Diavola, mixed seafood linguine, or linguine with clams and red sauce. Actually I hadn't narrowed it. I waited until the last minute, spun the mental wheel, and ordered the linguine with clams. My wife had no hesitation about ordering the veal marsala.

The app arrived. I never get tired of fried calamari, especially in Italian restaurants. Mimmo's offers an

excellent version—both slices and tentacles, hot, crackling crunchy, greaseless, with a smooth, tangy marinara sauce for dipping. We didn't let it cool.

Other appetizers are soup of the day (shrimp bisque), garlic rolls, sautéed mussels, mixed seafood, shrimp alla Diavola (garlic and crushed red peppers), meatballs and sausage, bruschetta, baked stuffed eggplant, meat and cheese plate, and focaccia.

The place was pretty much full by this time. Everyone seemed perfectly relaxed, content to stay put and linger over the wine and each other's company. No one was being rushed, either. It's just a nice place to be.

Mackenzie brought out our entrees, having first delivered a second basket of warm bread. My wife's veal, thinly pounded, was layered on a bed of angel hair pasta, with an earthy, fragrant wine and mushroom-laced brown sauce. Fork tender, the veal melted in the mouth, and if you order it, make sure you have enough bread to mop up.

Linguine and red clam sauce is a pretty common item on Italian menus—Mimmo's takes their version several steps higher. The dish smelled of herbs and the sea. The clams are served in their shells (with a bowl for empties). In no time you're into the rhythm—sniff, twirl pasta, spear clam, eat, dip bread into tiny shell, repeat. The tomatoes in the sauce were meaty, rich, with a roasted taste. A generous dose of olive oil pulls everything together.

Other menu items include seared tuna salad, caprese, Caesar or chop salads with optional chicken, shrimp or salmon; lasagna, gnocchi, manicotti, penne, spaghetti, or linguine with various sauces, fettuccine alfredo, carbonara, cheese or lobster ravioli, risotto, veal or chicken saltimbocca (with prosciutto), veal or chicken parmigiana or scaloppine; pizza—margherita, pepperoni, rustica, four-cheese, vegetarian, or Sicilian; and calzones stuffed with prosciutto, chicken, or mozzarella. There's also a daily special—veal chop that night.

The dessert special was an Almond Joy cake, which sounded good, but there were other choices—



tiramisu, cannoli, spumoni, cheesecake, and Nutella pizza. We got the latter, which takes a few minutes, being baked to order.

The Nutella (and chocolate chips) are thickly spread on a chewy pizza crust, baked, then sprinkled with pistachio nuts and dusted with powdered sugar. There were eight portions. We ate three and boxed the rest. I like Nutella best on ice cream, but it makes a good pizza too. Maybe with ice cream...



**MIMMO'S RISTORANTE
ITALIANO**
979 U.S. 98 East, Suite 5
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Hours: Open Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-10 PM; Sat. and Sun. 5-10 PM

Reservations: Accepted

Children's Menu: Yes

Dress: Casual

Duck in out of the cold (or the sunshine) and soak up the warmth, the atmosphere, and fantastic food at Mimmo's. Extensive menu offers pasta, veal, chicken, beef, pork, fish and shellfish choices; tortelloni, ravioli, lasagna, plus risotto, pizza, and calzone. Daily specials, lunch served weekdays. Full bar, \$7-31.

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If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at chris@beachcomberdestin.com

AMERICAN

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 PM Open at 3 PM Mon.-Fri. and 11 AM Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.

RESTAURANT PARADIS Nestled in the beautiful coastal town of Rosemary Beach, you'll find this hidden gem that loyal customers like to call home. Evoking a warm neighborhood feel, the dining area features an understated wine country elegance. Open for dinner beginning at 5 PM, Paradis is committed to serving fresh seasonal ingredients, which celebrate local produce and an abundance of fresh Gulf seafood, along with prime steaks and fine wines. Paradis welcomes wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, and all celebrations, both intimate and large. Come join us! Located at 82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach. Call 850-534-0400 or visit www.restaurantparadis.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, ragulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French cream puffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

BACK BEACH BARBECUE offers a delicious yet refined menu highlighted by 12-hour slow cooked meats, simple homemade sides, gluten-free options and four sauces made special in house. At the center of attention are the restaurant's two wood fired pits, "Smokey" and "The Bandit," easily viewed and smelled from the covered patio, outdoor patio or via two garage doors which give the restaurant a true open-air feel. Back Beach Barbecue also offers

catering for private and corporate events, delivery and a mobile food truck. The restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, beginning at 6:30 AM. Located at 19714 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. Call 850-249-0822 or visit www.backbeachbarbecue.com.

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 AM-6 PM Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

ASIAGO'S SKILLET There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet.

BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 AM-2:30 PM; Saturdays, 8 AM-2 PM 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

GRITS AND GRIND In 2011, a love affair between Memphis and the NBA Grizzlies began. With a Grit and Grind style of basketball, this southern team exemplifies hard work. Our owners bring the same commitment to hard work and fresh food at Grits & Grind, a breakfast establishment located in Seacrest Beach. We serve up a great southern breakfast and more, with friendly service in a fun atmosphere. Open daily, 7-11 AM. 10343 E Co. Hwy. 30A, Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021. gritsandgrindbreakfast.com.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 AM-3 PM daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 AM - 2 PM Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu



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BURGERS

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-4100. ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

CASUAL DINING

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

COFFEE SHOPS

MAAS COFFEE ROASTERS Fresh roasted beans of origin, roasted in different profiles. Specialty coffee roasters for over 10 years. "Once you go Maas, you'll never go 'Bucks!" Fresh made pastries and bagels, FREE WiFi. Open Mon.-Sat., 8 AM-6 PM; Sundays, 9 AM-4 PM 150 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, across from the Indian Temple Mound Museum. 850-585-0496.

CONTEMPORARY

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken,

pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK If you're looking for something different in town for the whole family, come enjoy Graffiti & The Funky Blues Shack. We've been around for 20-plus years doing what we do best – FOOD + MUSIC! Our dishes are tried and true and are sure to satisfy everyone in your group. Our menu showcases a little bit of everything. We offer some of the best gourmet pizzas and pastas in town. We also prepare fresh caught Gulf seafood and perfectly grilled filets. Vegetarian? No worries, we've got you covered, too. While enjoying your delectable meal, you will also experience listening or boogieing to some of the best local and out-of-town talent. We have Jazz Jams, Blues Jams, and everything in between. We weren't voted Best Live Music Venue three years in a row for nothing! Summer music schedule is seven days a week—Sun.-Thu., 7-10 PM and Fri. and Sat., 8 PM until... We have a full bar and offer an early Happy Hour from 4 to 7 PM, as well as a late night Happy Hour Friday and Saturday (check website for time). Located at 34902 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin. For reservations, call 850-424-6650. Full menu and music schedule at GraffitiFBS.com.

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy

babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit www.reddsfuel.com and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

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CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. www.theredbar.com.

FINE DINING

EDWARD'S FINE FOOD AND WINE Relax, you're at Edward's. Open everyday from 5 PM until everyone is full. Courtyard and indoor seating available. Join us at the chef's counter, and watch as the team prepares gourmet dishes to order. We love children, so for safety and as a courtesy to others, children must remain seated with their parents. We operate on a first come first serve and do not take reservations. We look forward to serving you. 66 Main Street, Rosemary Beach, 850-231-0550. Edwards30a.com.

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each

with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 AM-3 PM and 5-9 PM 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatalsbeach.net.

ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni's latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 PM 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

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TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 PM 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

BUD & ALLEY'S TACO BAR Shake the sand off your feet, choose a colorful table, and get ready to experience South of the Border favorites, Florida-style. Baja fish tacos, homemade guacamole, burritos, top shelf margaritas, and ice cold cerveza hit the spot for lunch or dinner. Open daily, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-4781. BudAndAlleys.com.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. www.CrabIslandCantina.com.

LA COCINA is a Latin-inspired restaurant featuring both specialty dishes with a Latin flair as well as classic Tex-Mex cuisine. Nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach (in Seacrest Beach), the friendly staff offers some of the best drinks along 30A, including house-made mojitos, sangria, and a selection of fresh-squeezed lime margaritas. La Cocina is always voted as one of South Walton's hot spots for Mexican cuisine. All dishes are prepared from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. Open daily for lunch, 11:30 AM-3 PM, dinner from 5 to 9 PM. Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021.



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PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepitos.com.

ROCKIN TACOS GRILL & TEQUILA BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-8226. ROCKINTACOS.COM

PIZZA & PASTA

BUD & ALLEY'S PIZZA BAR + TRATTORIA Savor artisan cheese, fresh salad, antipasto dishes, homemade soups, seasonal vegetables, hearty pastas and wood-fired pizza. Experience these authentic flavors in the courtyard, fireside at the bar, or on the veranda overlooking the Gulf. Open daily for lunch and dinner, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-3113. BudAndAlleysPizzaBar.com.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

SEAFOOD

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Destin, 850-654-2722. CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-301-0959. CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM

DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT The classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based items, served fried, grilled, or steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-Friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 AM 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

DEWEY DESTIN'S NAVARRE All your favorites, plus live music with Beachcomber Music Award winner Austin Jennings every Saturday night from 8 to 11. Open Sun.-Thu., 11 AM-8 PM, and Fri.-Sat., 11 AM-9 PM. 8673 Navarre Parkway, Navarre, 850-710-7070.

DEWEY DESTIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine

inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 AM 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

FLOYD'S SHRIMP HOUSE Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-243-2232. FLOYDSSHRIPTHOUSE.COM

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 AM-9 PM for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 PM 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. harbordocks.com.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 AM-7 PM 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.co.

LOBSTER TAIL Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-833-3016. THELOBSTERTAIL.COM

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

POMPANO JOE'S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 AM 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two

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SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers' dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with dozens of exotic fish. Our Gulf fresh seafood and choice steaks are amazing. We welcome you to join us. Open daily—Sun.-Thu., 4-10 PM, Fri.-Sat., 4-11 PM. Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters "all ways," crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 AM to 10 PM Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 AM to 3 PM Beer, wine and live music at Stinky's Bait Shack from 6 to 9 PM 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

THE SURF HUT Miramar Beach, 850-460-7750. SURFHUTDESTIN.COM

STEAKS

MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB OF DESTIN One of America's Great Steak Houses. Feasting, Imbibery and Debauchery. We are known for great food, exceptional service, our own craft brewed beers, and fun live entertainment. Open LATE, from 11 AM to 1:45 AM seven days a week. 33 U.S. 98, Destin, 850-650-0000, www.mcguiresirishpub.com.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled

in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 PM in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 PM For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit www.RuthsChrisDestin.com.

SALTWATER GRILL Open 4-10 PM 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, saltwatergrillpcb.com.

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JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30°04.250N and 87°02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. www.jackacudas.com.

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WINE BARS

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR in Shalimar is an eclectic restaurant serving lunch and dinner with a varied menu of tapas style plates, flatbreads, Panini, award-winning ZinGouda burger and lasagna at dinnertime, and unique desserts. Our wine list includes wines from around the world. We host fundraising events and are available for any special occasion. Open Mon.-Thu. 11 AM-9 PM, 11 AM-10 PM Fridays, and 5-10 PM Saturdays. 1193 B Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, 850-651-5100. twistedgrapewinebar.com

Where to Spend Your Happy Hours in Beachcomberland

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CAMILLE'S AT CRYSTAL BEACH
2931 Scenic Highway 98
Destin
850-337-8860
When: 3-5 PM daily.
Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille's Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

FISHHEADS
HarborWalk Village
Destin
When: 6-8 PM daily.
Drink Specials: \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER'S PUB
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1
Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
When: 3-7 PM every day except Tuesday (closed).
Drink Specials: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 well drinks (Jack, Jim, Bacardi, etc.), \$3 house wines, \$1 off everything else.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK
34902 Emerald Coast Parkway
Destin
850-424-6650
GraffitiFBS.com
When: 4-7 PM daily, late night happy hour Friday and Saturday, 10 PM-midnight.

GRANDE VISTA
Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-337-8100, ext. 1550
When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T'S
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-654-4800
When: Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-7 PM—downstairs bar only.
Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

JACKACUDAS
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-424-3507
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 PM Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 PM-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.
Drink Specials: Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus \$5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-460-7700
When: Monday-Friday, 10 PM-close.

Drink Specials: \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 "Who's to Blame" margaritas and "5 O'Clock Somewhere" cocktails.

LA PAZ
950 Gulf Shore Drive
Destin
850-837-2247
When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

RESTAURANT PARADIS
82 S Barrett Square
Rosemary Beach
850-534-0400
Drink Specials: Daily from 5 to 6 PM—New Amsterdam Vodka Martinis for \$5. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 PM—\$5 select martinis and \$7 select wines.

SAMMY'S
1224 Santa Rosa Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach
When: Early happy hour, 1-6 PM Late night happy hour, 2-4 AM Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of



beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 AM

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR
1193B Eglin Parkway
Shalimar
850-651-5100
When: Monday-Friday, 11 AM-7 PM
Drink Specials: \$1 off all Twisted (house) wines.

Let the Good Times Roll!

By Dawn Bright

Dear Dawn,
I moved here from Delaware about six months ago, so am still getting used to the whole “Southern” thing. So far I’ve found everyone is very friendly here, and I love the accents! One thing I don’t get, though, is when I order iced tea I have to say unsweet tea or it comes sweetened. You don’t have to do that in Delaware. You just order tea and it comes unsweetened. Why is that?

- Tracy M. from Delaware

I was also confused about this, Tracy, when I moved here from California some years ago. As it turns out, Southerners have been drinking their tea cold and sweet for a long time. Some of the oldest recipes for sweet tea can be found in 19th century Southern cookbooks, including an 1878 one from *Housekeeping in Old Virginia* by Marion Cabell Tyree, a granddaughter of Patrick Henry. According to several online articles, the rest of the country caught on in the early 1900s, particularly after iced tea was popularized at the 1904 World’s Fair in steamy St. Louis.

According to those same articles, sweet tea remains the national beverage below the Mason-Dixon Line. Some people call it the Sweet Tea Line—north of that boundary, tea comes unsweetened and you have to order it by specifying “sweet iced tea” if you want it that way. South of the line, you just say “tea.” Saying anything else is simply being redundant.

Dear Dawn,
I’ve never been to New Orleans for Mardi Gras, but I hear it’s quite an event. Do you recommend making the drive over, or does Destin offer something comparable?

- Fred Y. from WaterColor

I have to admit I haven’t been to any Mardi Gras celebration ever, anywhere. Not Destin, New Orleans, France (where Mardi Gras originated) or Rio de Janeiro (another well-known Mardi Gras destination). It isn’t that I don’t like Mardi Gras, it’s just that I’ve never had the opportunity or the time. I mean, celebrating Mardi Gras in New Orleans, for example, is a week-long affair—at least!

This year, some parades and balls occur in January, the “family-friendly” Mardi Gras (where women apparently do not expose their upper body for

beads) is from February 22 to 24, and the rest of the month (all the way to March 5) is full of more Mardi Gras celebrations and elaborate parades. And because Mardi Gras history is so long and detailed, there’s no way to summarize it in this format.

But in answer to your question, Destin *does* have several celebrations planned at Destin Commons and HarborWalk Village, and Pensacola has even more. But if you have the time and you really want to experience Mardi Gras, you probably need to head over to the French Quarter in New Orleans and *laissez les bon temps rouler!*

Dear Dawn,
My dad was a really interesting man who was always coming up with fun inventions. Recently, I found some scrawled plans in some of his papers for a “bucking armed chair.” He called it the “Chair Bucker.” His idea was you would sit in your chair to watch TV or work a Sudoku, turn the thing on, and then you’d fight the chair to keep it from bucking you out. He was trying to come up with a calorie burner where you wouldn’t have to get out of your chair. What do you think of this idea?

- Ben E. from Milton

Well, Ben, unless your dad came up with this before 2006, the Japanese beat him to the punch. They invented the Joba Workout Machine back then, a gadget that did nothing but simulate the movements of a horse in motion. You sat in the “saddle” and basically strained to stay in place, working your thighs and abdomen to do so. The most you could lose during this “workout” was around 50 calories in 15 minutes, but it was an easy 50 calories (if you didn’t get bucked), and like your dad intended, you didn’t even have to get up out of the saddle.

The gizmo apparently didn’t do well, however, as Amazon (who used to sell the “Horse Riding Exercise Machine Deluxe by Joba” for a piddly \$999) no longer offers the device. I’m sorry your dad didn’t come up with it first, though, but keep rummaging through his papers! You never know what you’ll find when you’re talking about interesting, innovative and creative people—it sounds like your dad certainly was.

Dawn Bright is an eternal optimist. And that’s pretty much all you need to know about her. Email your questions to office@beachcomberdestin.com.

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JAN. 21 - FEB. 19




Stay way away from romantic liaisons. They might seem promising and exciting, but once again they'll turn out to be gross and, quite possibly, violent and musky. Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays are all fraught with danger. Lucky number is 613.

PISCES
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20




Your best bet for love and affection is to get a dog or a goat. They have them at your local animal shelter. When you get one, you can stop people on the street and tell them all about your "rescue" animal and how great you are. Unfortunately, a village idiot can tell that you are unstable and seeking approval from the wrong people in the wrong places.

ARIES
MAR. 21 - APR. 20




The full moon in Virgo has strong pull this month. Not much for you to do except enjoy life in all its glories. The weather warms, the winds turn gentle and your enjoyment of life is at an all time high. Just be you—the world enjoys you every minute of every day.

TAURUS
APR. 21 - MAY 21



Mars waddles into Taurus and that's never good. On the outside you try to maintain a calm demeanor that gets harder as your guts spiral into a knot of tension, constricting bowels and bleeding ulcers. Not a good time for a colonoscopy. Take care of matters at home and work or your colon will explode.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21




The movement of Mars creates such strong waves of nausea and vertigo that you won't know whether you are sick or dizzy or dying or just have the urge to vomit. You probably are sick since you don't exercise, you eat too much and your hygienic protocol is nonexistent. You have a lot of personal inventory to deal with—lots of work to do.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22



You've desperately needed a plan since Uranus entered Aries almost a decade ago. You life has been in free fall and that descent is about to speed up. You need someone else to come up with a plan—you're not good at planning. Find someone who has even a smidgen of success to get you started. Quickly.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUG. 23




The new moon in Aquarius has you thinking about travel. DON'T TRAVEL! A change of landscape won't help what ails you. Your smutty, depressing attitude travels with you. What you need is a personality transplant. Quit being so negative...although in your case negativity is called for.

VIRGO
AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23




You're used to lots of love, but as you know, it's the wrong kind. You keep attracting partners who want you to freak it up a little too much. Kink is one thing, but your sex mates' tendencies run toward the danger spectrums. I've seen pictures of you that at first don't seem possible or fun. Or safe.

LIBRA
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23



It's all good for the mighty Libra. You shine in such a variety of situations. Finance, romance, nuance, and pure chance are all in fine form. You excel in athletic, artistic and equestrian activities. You are an inspiration to so many people in so many arenas, it's mind blowing.

SCORPIO
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22



Everything happens in fits and stops. Your timing sucks, so you don't know when to finish something or when to start something else. You buy high and sell low. You're a day late and a dollar short. You were born in the wrong century, and the past and future centuries wouldn't have been any better. You'd be better off in the dark ages when they had plagues and stuff.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV. 23 - DEC. 21



Your lifestyle has been so incredibly boring for decades, but now you have a little chance for adventure. DON'T DO IT! You do not need anything new. Stick with boredom. Life's short—it'll be over soon enough without mucking it up with excitement and thrills.

CAPRICORN
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20



Things have been chaotic during the year of the blood moon. They'll get less chaotic and more chronic. That's good. The last thing you need is to yo-yo up and down with emotions. Just stick with a blasé approach to everything. It'll be sad and lonely, but at least it will be a stable kind of funky malaise.

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FRESH SEAFOOD?



One of the first questions people ask when they visit our area is
“How can we be sure we’re getting fresh seafood?”

That’s an excellent question. In the state of Florida, even though it is surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as “fresh” and imported seafood is sold as “local”. According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much

of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

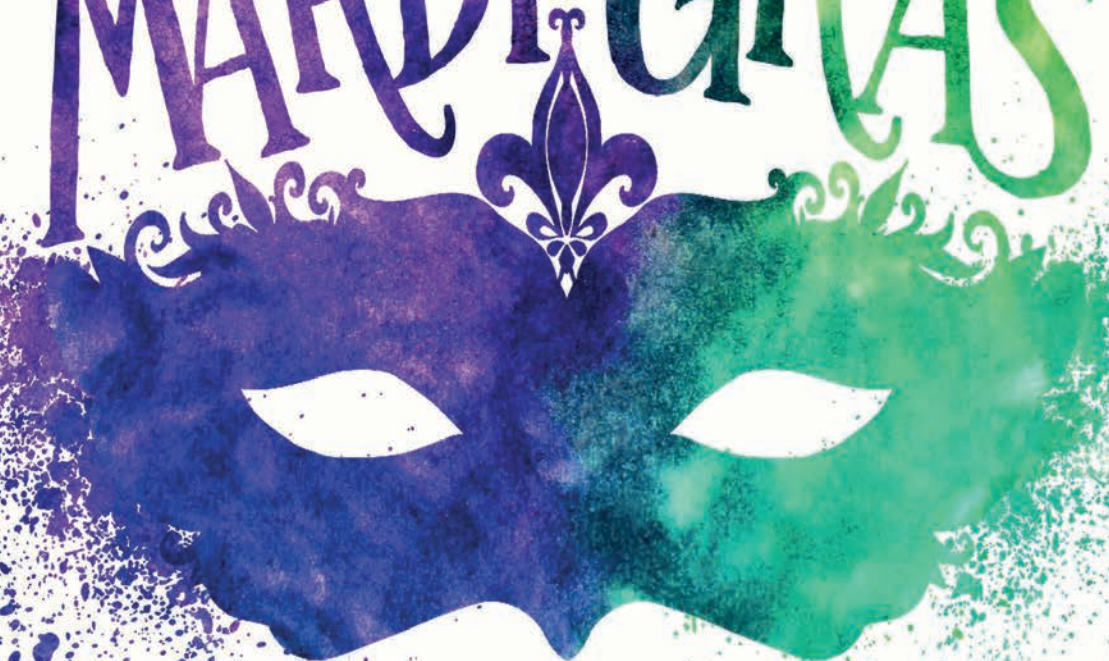
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Tilapia/pig feces: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-10-11/asian-seafood-raised-on-pig-feces-approved-for-u-s-consumers.html>

MARDI GRAS



SATURDAY, MARCH 2

MARDI GRAS PARADE

2:00pm | Beads, dazzling floats, street performers and live music at the biggest Mardi Gras Parade on the Destin Harbor!

Does your Krewe want to be IN the parade? Email: RMagee@HarborWalkVillage.com

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

FAT TUESDAY PARADE & PET COSTUME CONTEST

5:00pm | Enjoy FREE red beans & rice while supplies lasts!

6:00pm | Join us for a kid-friendly parade with authentic Mardi Gras floats and plenty of beads!

6:30pm | Enter your festively dressed pup in the Pet Costume Contest. Prizes awarded!

\$10 contest entry or donation of a bag of dry dog food.



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